

Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Volunteers make the first RIVERFEST a blast

Last July's inaugural **RIVERFEST** celebration was centered on celebrating community and drawing attention to the development of Milwaukie Riverfront Park.

The celebration was an unqualified success on both counts, but only because more than 80 citizens gave of their time to make it all happen.

Councilor Joe Loomis stepped in as the event's volunteer coordinator and he's very much to the point when describing the importance of the volunteers' contribution.

"**RIVERFEST** would not have happened without them," Joe said. "They were the lifeblood of the whole thing." Joe explains the volunteers consisted

of many of the Neighborhood Association leaders, some folks who don't even live in the City, and quite a few of his own friends he asked to help out.

Asked if those same friends were still talking to him after enduring the 100 degree heat, Joe replied that not only were they still talking to him, but they've told him they enjoyed the experience.

"They liked (volunteering)," Joe said. "A lot of them said, 'You know, this Riverfront is nice down here, this could be a lot better.'"

Joe says many found the experience so rewarding they'll be helping out with next year's celebration.



The **RIVERFEST** fireworks pleased thousands

"The idea is to involve more people and continue to improve this festival," Joe said.

Those interested in helping out can call Joe at (503) 654-6650. ☐

McLoughlin Blvd. Open House showcases design

Residents will have the opportunity to look at the nearly completed construction plans for the new McLoughlin Boulevard at a Public Open House scheduled for Sept. 9th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison).

Construction of the new section, which could begin as early as summer of next year, will span from Harrison Street to the Kellogg Creek Bridge.

The principal elements include wider sidewalks and planter strips on both sides of the roadway, bike lanes, landscaped medians near Monroe Street and improved pedestrian crossings and traffic signals at Harrison, Monroe and Washington Streets.

Input gained from the Open House and from the final re-

view by City Council in October will finalize the design.

Project Manager Brion Barnett believes the project will go a long way in opening up both the Downtown and the Riverfront.

"This project will create a new identity and sense of place in Downtown Milwaukie by enhancing and reinforcing the connection between the Riverfront and Downtown business area," Barnett said.

Once construction gets underway, Brion predicts the project will take about a year to complete. During that time there will be temporary lane restrictions during construction, but the roadway will generally be open for two-way traffic.

If you have any questions about the project, give Brion a call at (503) 786-7608 for details. ☐

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Council sets Transit Center date

City Council will resume its consideration of the Planning Commission recommendation to relocate the downtown Transit Center to a site near Kellogg Lake on Sept. 21st at 6 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

In three public hearings spanning more than four months Council has listened to almost a dozen hours of testimony and more recently, several Councilors have met with ODOT officials

to further discuss the particulars of a couple of the sites.

The recommended Kellogg site, a 2-acre site southwest of Kellogg Lake off of McLoughlin Blvd., came as result of a six-month Working Group process involving Neighborhood Leaders, Downtown business representatives, North Industrial landowners, and staff from the City, TriMet, and ODOT.

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Conflict and community

To contact Councilor Larry Lancaster, call (503) 786-7511 or send an email to lancasterl@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



Anytime you get more than one person together in a discussion you have the potential for disagreement. While differences in opinion are common and even expected, the real secret is to disagree without being disagreeable. Certainly much easier said than done. I have come to learn that a true definition of "politics" is where you have two compelling but opposite points of view, and you must choose only one.

Communication is the key. So what and how should we be communicating with each other?

Values. The Values of any community are its backbone. Values and behaviors describe how we will reach and become the desired future community. There are very few behaviors that demonstrate a values-based environment more distinctly than in the act of making decisions. Decisions are not always easy to make, but if everyone used the following steps in the process, they would soon gain faith in the values as a real source of power in our City and greater community.

First: Identify the value(s) and the appropriate definitions involved in making the decision.

Second: Ask yourself, who will be directly affected by this action?

Third: Decide what behaviors the appropriate value definition call for in this situation (e.g., sharing information, respect taking a risk, challenging the status quo).

Self-interest, performance-based environments, and competitive pressures create great dangers to individual morality and exert a powerful influence on the ethical behavior of individuals in an organization. Thus, executives and managers must not only be aware of whether their reports accomplish their goals, but they must also understand how those goals are achieved and reported.

The one inescapable truth I have learned in my 5 1/2 years as your humble city councilor, is that every decision we make regardless of its merit, leaves some of our citizens dissatisfied. I sincerely hope that the struggle and effort of our decisions serve the greater good of our community and that our lives are enriched by thoughtful discussion and meaningful progress. ☞

Rate change reminder

As reported in last month's *Pilot*, customers receiving their first utility bills since July 1st may notice an increase or decrease as a result of the latest sewer winter average recalculation and water rate increase.

The water rate increase was adopted in January by City Council in order to keep pace with the increased costs associated with the operations, maintenance, and improvement of the water system. The last water rate increase was in 1995.

The new sewer winter average is a result of the annual calculation based on usage volumes recorded from December 2003 to March 2004 billings. As a reminder, summer water usage (watering your lawns and gardens, etc.) does not affect your sewer charge. The winter average calculation assures customers are charged based on how much they use the system.

Please refer to the inserts in your utility bill for more detailed information regarding both changes.

If you have questions about the sewer rate structure, contact the Utility Billing Department at (503) 786-7525. For questions about the water rate, please call (503) 786-7605. ☞

Help equip City students

The City of Milwaukie is sponsoring a school supply drive through September 17th.

Please join City staff in collecting new school supplies for North Clackamas Schools. Most needed items include: #2 pencils, children's scissors, rulers, markers, glue, lined paper, spiral notebooks, highlighters, and backpacks.

You can donate during business hours at any of the following locations: **Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.; Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave.; Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.; Johnson Creek Facility, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.**

For questions, contact Jeanne Garst, Office Supervisor, at (503) 786-7655. ☞

Local businesses help young readers

Because of the support and dedication of many local businesses the Ledding Library was able to host yet another successful year of summer reading programs.

The teen reading program, in particular, would not have been possible without their generous support. As it is, the library has 22 prizes to give to teen readers every week.

Ledding Library wishes to thank each of the following businesses for donating gift certificates: **Art Media; Capello Salon; Fred Meyer; Home Town Buffet; Kellogg Bowl; Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; Libbie's Restaurant; Milwaukie Bowl; Pietro's Pizza; Shari's Restaurant; and Wind Horse Coffee.**

A special thanks is also due to **The Friends of the Ledding Library**. They remain the single largest source of summer reading programs and prizes. In addition, **State Farm Insurance and Wells Fargo Bank** gave money to every library in Clackamas and Washington Counties to pay for prize books.

The 104 youth who are expected to complete the summer reading program at Ledding Library will receive free paperback books thanks to these two companies. ☞

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Supporters of the site point to the fact that moving the Transit Center to Kellogg Lake will bring public money for infrastructure improvements and believe removing laying over busses from the Downtown will help invigorate the area.

Those in opposition fear a Transit Center at the site will increase cut-through traffic in the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood and do not endorse placing a transit facility on land previously recommended as open space. ☞

Neighborhoods swing into action

The City's seven Neighborhood Associations swing back into action in September, so if you want to learn what's going on in your community, want to meet some of your neighbors or have an idea on how make your block a better place, please drop by your Neighborhood's next meeting.

Meeting information is featured on the back page of the [Pilot](#) and on the City's website. If you're not sure which Neighborhood you live in, there are maps featured on the web site or you can (503) 786-7503 for more information.

There's much to be gained by participating in your Neighborhood. For example, each Neighborhood Association is allotted \$4,000 in grant money for the sole purpose of providing funding for resident-generated ideas.

North Main project goes on tour

The North Main Street project team is spending the summer months showcasing the latest designs and gaining public input to better ensure the end product fits within the context of Milwaukie's Downtown and serves as the anchor project many expect it to be.

The project team, Main Street Partners LLC, have met with the Ledding Library Board, Downtown merchants and the Historic Milwaukie Neighbor-

hood Association, and City Project Manager Jeff King says the response to the current designs have been largely positive and many are in favor of the mixed-use approach that's being applied.

The project located on the old Safeway site consists of five buildings; a large apartment building, three buildings with townhouses/condominiums, and one featuring a pair of "Granny Flat" apartments.

Construction is slated for May of 2005 and is expected to take a year to complete. For more information, please contact Jeff at (503) 786-7609.

**CONCEPT
PLAN**



Voters consider fire annexation, library funding

This fall Milwaukie voters will decide whether or not they wish to be annexed into Clackamas County Fire District No. 1 and whether or not they wish to support a local option levy that would provide additional funding for Clackamas County libraries, and thusly, the Milwaukie Ledding Library.

If annexed to the fire district, the City

would no longer be under the obligation to pay \$3,111,130 in the next fiscal year. City Council has pledged to cut property taxes at a rate equal to the proposed levy rate so Milwaukie taxpayers would not experience a tax increase.

The library levy, if approved, would provide additional funding intended to allow the County to sustain public library

services at current levels for the five-year period of 2005-2010. Should the levy fail, library directors say they would need to look at reducing and cutting staff levels, services and material acquisitions.

The proposed levy of 29 cents per \$1,000 would mean the owner of a house valued at \$150,000 would pay \$43.50 per year if the levy were approved.

The books have arrived!

Centennial Memories, the book created by the Linwood Neighborhood Association to commemorate last year's Centennial Celebration and the history of the City of Milwaukie is now on sale at the front desk of City Hall, located at 10722 S.E. Main Street.



The 160-page, full color books cost \$20. If you're interested in how our City was born, who and what has been responsible for how our City has grown and what our future might hold, than you will want to purchase a copy of *Centennial Memories*.

City Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every weekday.

If you have questions about the book, please call Community Services Manager JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508.

The City Code Corner

In an effort to deter violators from repeating the same offenses over and over, City Council adopted a "repeat offender" amendment to the City's Municipal Code that enables Code Compliance Officers to increase penalties against habitual offenders at a minimum of \$1,000 for each day of violation.

For example, before the amendment was approved, a property owner who habitually stored junk vehicles in their yard could only be assessed a maximum penalty of \$500, no matter how many times the offense was committed. Now, after the third violation, Code Officers can levy much stiffer penalties in hopes of gaining compliance.

"Although we have a very high compliance rate, we do have some habitual offenders in some of our Neighborhoods," said Code Compliance Coordinator Steve Campbell. "But hopefully, this amendment will help gain compliance and deter others from getting into some bad habits."



AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page six for contact information.

LEWELLING

Written by **Jeff Klein**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **September 2nd, 7:00 p.m.**

Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

I would like to thank all those who volunteered their time and to those who attended this year's Neighborhood picnic. It was a great success with over 130 people attending.

If you did not make it you missed out on opportunities to speak with several members of the City including the Mayor. We also received \$100 in donations. Thank you all for coming and especially those who gave.

Our Neighborhood meetings will resume this month. I encourage everyone to attend. If there are things I can do to help facilitate your attendance let me know and we will come up with solutions. This is Our Neighborhood and we should all take ownership in its direction and future.

I would like to thank those who visited our Web Log (blog) too. We had many visitors but few comments. If you send me an e-mail at jeff@jkws.com and I can set the blog to notify you when there has been an update. This is a great way for people to stay informed that can't make it to the meetings or want to keep

up with things during the summer months when we are off. <http://lewellingnda.blogspot.com/>

At the Aug 17th City Council meeting a plaque was given to Jean Michel from the City and Our Neighborhood for years of help and service.

Jean has been active in our NDA and other positions within the City and has been a resident of Milwaukie for many years. He has wonderful stories and when you see him, thank him for his service and ask him about the 1/2 of a pig his father owned. It's a great story!

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debby Patten**, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **September 8th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Clackamas ESD**

What an exciting and busy summer it's been! Our float placed 3rd in the Most Creative Category in the Riverfest parade in July. To all of those who helped out, thank you so much! And if you thought about helping out and weren't able to, there's always next year!

In August, we had our National Night Out picnic at Century Park. We had great

live music and lots of new neighbors to meet.

Thanks to all the volunteers and attendees, it was a huge success!

Our first meeting after the summer hiatus is Wednesday, September 8th at the ESD building. As usual, there's a lot going on in Milwaukie and our Neighborhood. So if you'd like to be better informed or discuss a certain issue, please attend!



These young Lake Road residents fish for marbles with their bare feet in icy waters as just one of the fun activities at their Neighborhood Picnic on August 3rd.

ISLAND STATION

Written by **Lisa Batey**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 16th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

For those who missed it, we had a great turnout for National Night Out in Spring Park – enjoying lots of good food and an opportunity to meet folks from around the Neighborhood, play games and draw on Sparrow Street, all to the accompaniment of the Encore Brass Band.

We have lots of business for our September 16th meeting, including election of a representative to the Public Safety Advisory Committee, discussions of upcoming election issues, and discussion of ways to recognize neighbors who take pride in the appearance of their property.

Back in June, we had a meeting with Police Chief Kanzler about crime, and particularly drug activity, in the Neighbor-

hood. Police Department statistics show crime to be declining in the Neighborhood, but it still continues to be a concern for neighbors. Another concern that has been expressed regards the unsupervised young children riding bikes and scooters all over Island Station.

First, there is the road safety issue – some of these tykes are none too stable on their bikes or scooters and are not adequately aware of motorists, which creates serious potential for a tragic accident. Moreover, some of these kids have been sighted walking the railroad trestle, another hazard. Finally, some of them wander far from home without an adult or older sibling in sight, and could be at risk of some kind of foul play.

Please be aware of these concerns, which have been expressed by several neighbors from all parts of the Neighborhood. If you leave your youngsters in the care of an older sibling, perhaps a little spot-checking is in order to ensure that sibling always knows where the little ones are.



AROUND TOWN

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **September 13th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie Elementary**

In August our group held a special meeting at City Hall to view a presentation by Tom Kemper, the developer in charge of the North Main Street Project (the old Safeway site.)

A complete layout of the plans were displayed, including the project's relationship with the Ledding Library, Masonic Lodge and street parking, and the overall reaction by our group was very favorable. Mr. Kemper stated that they should break ground on May 1, 2005 and aim for completion one year later.

This brings up a great concern for our Neighborhood – 97 units. How many cars and trips does this entail and on which streets?

Another aspect of the problem is the McLoughlin widening, a project going for bid in the spring and, in all probability, under construction next summer. One

of the goals of the project is to allow easier access to Milwaukie, which also means easier cut-through between McLoughlin and Highway 224.

Add the ongoing Safeway Project on 42nd Avenue and we are practically under siege, because the development will add a great deal more traffic on Harrison and Monroe Streets.

Finally, we have that brilliant stroke of genius, the proposed Transit Center on a greenspace at Kellogg Lake. How much traffic this will add is up for grabs, but you can bet it'll be plenty. Total all of these projects, figure the traffic trips and then just forget our Neighborhood – it'll be truly history. Wonder whatever happened to the Traffic Management Plan that was designed to control some of these problems and should have been before the Council months ago?

The most tragic aspect of this transit site is the tremendous impact it will have on the Lake and wildlife. In but a few short months it will be gone, gone forever in the wake of transit and regional government.

LINWOOD

Written by **Dolly Macken Hambright**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 9, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Linwood Elementary**

Linwood's contribution to the Milwaukie Centennial, the *Centennial Memories 1903-2003* book is finally printed and available at City Hall.

Remember those folks who made pests of themselves asking for information about your organization or business, or for old photos you might have about all places and things Milwaukie?

Well, here at last is the fruit of those labors, and we hope everyone enjoys our efforts.

At our September meeting we will have some folks on hand to answer questions and discuss the proposed new construction near the Railroad/Harmony/Linwood intersection south of the tracks and North of Harmony Road.

Please plan to attend as this development may have quite an impact on our Neighborhood.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Carlotta Collette**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 14th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Ardenwald Elem.**

We had another blowout concert series in August, with hundreds of people soaking up some very fine music every Thursday night. We had so many kids show up for our reading program in July that we had to get more books from garage sales, etc., to keep up with demand.

And now it's time to get back to work – making our Neighborhood and our City the kind of place we all want to live in. At our first meeting, September 14th, we'll be tackling an issue

that has a lot of people in our area upset: Terry Emmert's closing of the alternative bike route for the Springwater Corridor.

The bike route goes through the Eastmoreland Racquetball Club parking lot Emmert owns, and he's closed it off. We'll be working on that with our Portland neighbors through Southeast Uplift.

We will also be looking at moving the Corridor's Three Bridges Project along. Once the bridges are in place, there'll be no need for the racquetball club route.

In addition, we'll begin planning for our autumn events: the historic house tour, the annual bicycle parade, pajama night at Ardenwald Elementary and more. We'll be busily building community. Come join us.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **September 13th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Hector Campbell Elementary**

SCHOOL! Yes September is here and the school year will be under way soon so remember to watch out for the children heading off to school. Slow down and watch the crosswalks and school zones. Remember there are new speed laws in school zones and requirements at crosswalks.

Well I was wrong. In the last **Pilot** article when I said the old King Road Super Store would be demolished in early August. It should be going down now in early September. One of the changes in this redevelopment is that there will be some traffic changes. So when you are traveling around the area of 42nd, Harrison Street, King Road and the other streets in this area, be on the look out.

We have a new City staff liaison for our Neighborhood. We will now have Kelly Somers, the City's new Operations Director. Kelly is formerly the City's Fleet/Facili-

ties manager.

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Planning Director John Gessner and his staff for serving as our liaisons in the past. You all did a great job. Not to fear if we have a Planning issue to address, John assured me that someone will come to our meetings as needed.

Our Neighborhood meetings resume in September so if you have topics you want addressed please e mail me or call.

These meeting are for you the neighbors to share ideas, bring up concerns and address issues in the Neighborhood.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue | | | Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park Ledding Library Noon | 7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elementary) | | Saturday Music Program Ledding Library 2-3 p.m. Admission is free |
| Milwaukie Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 to 2 p.m. | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | 5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:30pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) | 6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB) 6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD) Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park Ledding Library Noon | 7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elementary) McLoughlin Blvd. Open House 6 to 8 p.m. Public Safety Bldg. | 10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC) | |
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| Milwaukie Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 to 2 p.m. | 7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Location TBA) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Hector Campbell Elementary) | 6:30pm Planning Commission(MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/ Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elementary) | Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park Ledding Library Noon | 6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange) | | |
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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary
 Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771
 email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Community Center
 Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
 email: dlasch@comcast.net

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
 7:00 p.m., Call Ed for July location
 Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493
 email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays
 6:30 p.m., Call Lisa for July location
 Chair, Lisa Batey, (503) 353-1825

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
 6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD
 Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays
 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary
 Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays
 7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary
 Chair, Dolly Macken Hambricht, (503) 659-8908

Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30
 Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m.,
 7 p.m., 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30
 Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m.,
 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being
 rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable
 Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any
 questions or suggestions you might have.
 Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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